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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 8, 1998

APPLICATION OF

CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY  
OF VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC980026

To implement extended local service  
from its Martinsville exchange to its  
Bachelors Hall exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On March 17, 1998, the Central Telephone Company of Virginia ("Centel" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. Centel proposed to notify its Martinsville exchange subscribers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include the Bachelors Hall exchange. The application states that telephone subscribers in the Bachelors Hall exchange petitioned the Commission for local calling to Martinsville. Using a cost study prepared by Centel, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Bachelors Hall local service area to include Martinsville. The subscribers in that exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher rates

for local calling to Martinsville. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for expanded local service from Martinsville to the Bachelors Hall exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed 5% of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate, a poll of Martinsville subscribers is not required by § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW, having considered Centel's application, Centel's proposed public notice, and applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that Centel should give notice of this application to its customers in the Martinsville exchange; and those subscribers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing on this application. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC980026.

(2) On or before June 8, 1998, Centel customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before that deadline.

Individuals may file single copies. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with William J. Bridge, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218; and shall refer to Case No. PUC980026.

(3) A copy of this order and the application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(4) On or before May 8, 1998, Centel shall publish the following notice in the Martinsville exchange twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in that exchange:

NOTICE THAT CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF  
VIRGINIA PROPOSES TO EXPAND THE LOCAL SERVICE  
AREA OF THE MARTINSVILLE EXCHANGE TO THE  
BACHELORS HALL EXCHANGE, CASE NO. PUC980026

Telephone subscribers in Central Telephone Company of Virginia's ("Centel") Bachelors Hall exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to the Martinsville exchange. Subscribers in the Bachelors Hall exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase in monthly rates for local calling to the Martinsville exchange. The majority of those customers responding in the Bachelors Hall exchange support this expansion of local service.

Based on Centel's cost, the Commission determined the monthly rates for expanded local service for Martinsville customers to

call the Bachelors Hall exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 685). For expanded local calling to Bachelors Hall from Martinsville, monthly rates would increase as follows: flat rate single-party residential service, \$0.02; flat rate two-party residential service, \$0.02; flat rate four-party residential service, \$0.02; residential Optional Local Calling Plan service, \$0.02; flat rate single-party business service, \$0.05; flat rate two-party business service, \$0.04; flat rate four-party business service, \$0.04; flat rate key, data, or Centrex key trunk, \$0.07; flat rate PBX or Centrex PBX trunk \$0.10; and customer owned coin or semi-public coin service, \$0.05.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact Centel's Business Office. Copies of Centel's application may be reviewed at the Commission's Document control Center, located on the First Floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, referring to Case No. PUC980026, with the Clerk of the Commission, William J. Bridge, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before June 8, 1998.

If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of five percent (5%) or 150 of the Martinsville customers, it may consider Centel's application without a hearing.

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(5) On or before June 8, 1998, Centel shall provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of five percent (5%) or 150 of the Martinsville exchange customers, it may consider Centel's application without a hearing.

(7) On or before June 22, 1998, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on any comments received.